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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 4 and 7-22 without prejudice or disclaimer, and amend claim 1, as follows. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1. (Currently amended): A toner for an image-forming apparatus, which has a cleaning means with a cleaning blade to remove a residual toner remaining on a surface of a photoconductive member after transfer;

the toner comprising:

a colored polymer particle having an average circle degree in the range of 0.95-0.995 and a volume average particle diameter in the range of 3-8 μm , and

an external additive;

wherein the toner has an absolute value of charge amount in the range of 20-70 $\mu\text{C/g}$ in a toner layer formed on a developing roll when the toner is used with the image-forming apparatus, and

the average number of particles of the external additive, having a volume average primary particle diameter in the range of 0.1-3.0 μm , on the surface of the colored polymer particle, is in the range of 3-500 particles per single colored polymer particle.

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Claim 2. (Original): The toner according to claim 1, wherein the colored polymer particle further comprises a parting agent.

Claim 3. (Original): The toner according to claim 1, wherein the colored polymer particle has a core-shell structure.

Claim 4. (Canceled)

Claim 5. (Original): The toner according to claim 1,
wherein the colored polymer particle has such a particle diameter distribution that particles with diameter not larger than $4\text{ }\mu\text{m}$ is in the portion of 3-70 number percent.

Claim 6. (Original): The toner according to claim 1, wherein the colored polymer particle further comprises a charge control resin with a weight average molecular weight in the range of 2,000-50,000.

Claim 7 - 22 (Canceled)